

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 12, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 6:00 p.m. in the Lewiston Media Center.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** Mike Vogt, Ursula Owens, Scott Mathewson, Nancy Kussrow, Wendy Huston, Frank Claeys (arrived 6:03 pm)

**Absent:** Linc Campbell

**Administration:** Superintendent Kay Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Lewiston Principal Cyndie Kievit, Johannesburg Principal Nancy Odren

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hearing no objections or corrections, President Vogt approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2016 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS**

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Huston to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$849,474.55

Ayes: All Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Makowski shared a thank you letter from the VFW Post recognizing the efforts of Frank Claeys, JLHS, and the football team in hosting the first Military Appreciation Night.

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

None

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Year to date revenue and expenses for general fund and sinking fund were presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**District School Improvement Committee**

New standards and curriculum maps for Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies were reviewed. The Sex Education Advisory Committee members reviewed current program and the parent survey results. Future sex education plans were discussed. The next meeting will be February 13, 2017.

**Technology**

Mark Corbiser attended to review concerns with technology in both buildings. Wireless issues have been identified and will be corrected. Budget needs to be developed for continued technology implementation and upgrades. Server upgrades need to be addressed due to the age of the current system.

**Facilities**

Oiler Youth Football has expressed concern with the charges for use of the facilities. No one from the organization was able to attend the meeting. They will be notified of another meeting to discuss their concerns. Anthony Esson, Architect attended the meeting to answer questions, review the current projects and plans for the 2017 projects.

**Principals**

Mr. Chrencik reported that the High School Career Day was a success with approximately 30 presenters in attendance. Budget meetings with Bill Melching, Finance Director are going well. Teacher observations are continuing. The staff are reviewing information from John Hattie regarding the best ways to impact learning. The JLHS mentoring program is going well, student mentor assignments will be changing based on 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedules. Afterschool academic support will begin after the break for students needing extra help.

Mrs. Kievit reported that the Lewiston staff is working with new intervention sheets to track student behavior, academic needs and curriculum standards. Staff observations are continuing with a higher quality of conversation noted with the use of the Thoughtful

Classroom tool. The staff will be saying goodbye to Jenelle King and Rachel Harper prior to the break.

Mrs. Odren reported on the middle school Dignity Revolution assembly as a positive experience for students and staff. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students made their annual trip to Tendercare for decorating and visiting residents. Standards based report cards were well received by parents in the K-3. Mrs. Odren is working with the COPESD Special Education staff regarding compliance and scheduling to best meet the needs of our students.

**Superintendent Makowski**

Superintendent Makowski reported that the majority of the current sinking fund projects are completed. A list has been developed for completion prior to final inspections taking place. A \$2000 grant has been received from Community Financial Credit Union. The grant will be used for stage curtains in Lewiston. Alert Solutions is being implemented to provide emergency notifications to staff and families.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Lewiston Special Education/At-Risk Aide: Johnson-Klein**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Claeys to accept the recommendation of Lewiston Principal, Cyndie Kievit, to hire Samantha Johnson-Klein for the position of Special Education/At-Risk Aide with a hire date of December 12, 2016.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**After School Academic Support Teacher: Payne**

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Huston to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Katy Makowski, to hire Mary Payne for the position of After School Academic Support Teacher at a rate of \$25/hour. The position is temporary and contingent upon grant funding.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Staff Retirement: Havrilla**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to accept, with regrets, the retirement resignation of Finance Assistant, Carol Havrilla.

Ayes: All Motion carried.

**Montmorency County Road Commission Contract Renewal**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Owens to accept the renewal of the Montmorency County Road Commission Winter Maintenance Contract for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Policy Updates: Vol. 31, No. 1**

Mrs. Makowski stated the Policy committee met to review the recommended updates from NEOLA. A summary of the recommended updates are included in your packet for approval at the next regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

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Michael Vogt, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 20, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 5:02 p.m. in the Lewiston Media Center.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Michael Vogt, Linc Campbell, Scott Mathewson, Frank Claeys

**Absent:** Ursula Owens

**Administration:** Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**LONG TERM SUSPENSION/EXPULSION HEARINGS**

**1. Student 16-17/02**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to go into closed executive session for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing at the request of the parent.

Ayes: Campbell, Claeys, Mathewson, Vogt, Huston, Kussrow

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 5:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 5:27 p.m.

**Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools  
BOARD RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Lewiston Media Center, on the 20th day of December, 2016, at 5:00 o'clock in the p.m...

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Vogt at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Vogt, Mathewson, Huston, Kussrow, Campbell, Claeys

Absent: Owens

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Campbell and supported by Claeys:

**WHEREAS:**

1. The administration has recommended that, pursuant to Section 1311(2) of the Revised School Code, a student whose identity is known to the Board ("Student 16-17/02") be suspended for possessing a dangerous weapon in a weapon-free school zone.
2. School administrators notified the Student's parent/guardian of the specific charge underlying the suspension recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.
3. Pursuant to the request of the Student's parent/guardian, and as authorized by Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in a closed session meeting of the Board.
4. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student's representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board's consideration.
5. The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence produced in this student discipline hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that on December 19, 2016, the Student possessed a dangerous weapon (knife *with blade over 3"*) in a weapon-free school zone.
2. Clear and convincing evidence establishes that the Student did not possess the object or instrument for use as a weapon or for direct or indirect delivery to another person for use as a weapon;
3. Because the Student did not possess the object or instrument for use as a weapon or for direct or indirect delivery to another person for use as a weapon, the Student is not permanently expelled from the District. However, the Student is suspended for 180 school days/until December 11, 2017.
4. During the time of the suspension, the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.
5. Consistent with Sections 11a and 1311(1) of the Revised School Code, the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.
6. Consistent with the Board's actions taken this date, administration shall promptly meet with the Student's parent/guardian to determine those appropriate educational services to which the Student may be entitled under state and federal law.

7. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.

8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes: Campbell, Claeys, Mathewson, Vogt, Huston, Kussrow

Nays: None

Absent: Owens

Motion Passed

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Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Board Secretary, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a special meeting held on December 20, 2016, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

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Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the special meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Ayes: All      Motion carried

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Michael Vogt, Vice President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary